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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Robert A. Ersek et al

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For : TREATMENT OF UROLOGICAL AND
GASTRIC FLUID REFLUX
DISORDERS BY INJECTION OF
MICRO PARTICLES

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DPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR APPLICATION FILED UNDER RULE 1.62 (FWC)

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned continuing application, it is requested that the following amendments be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-30, without prejudice, and substitute the following new claims 31-52 for them:

Q1 31. A method for long-term treatment of urological and gastric disorders comprising the step of injecting submucosally or peri-urethrally into tissue at at least one injection site a composition comprising an effective amount of relatively soft, malleable, elastic, biologically compatible prosthetic micro particles dispersed in a non-retentive compatible physiological